

ARMS FAIRLY BRISTLE ABOUT CUSTOM HOUSE IN NEW YORK TODAY

Scores of Guards Placed at Entrance and Each Person Entering Was Questioned—Several Companies of U. S. Regulars Were Ready for Call.

NEW YORK NERVED TO A HIGH TENSION

Although Some Were Inclined to Make Light of Threat That Another Bomb Outrage Would Be Perpetrated To-day—Many Workers Avoid Danger District.

New York, Sept. 21.—The New York custom house to-day was under the heaviest guard in its history, because of a warning that it would be blown up.

Although the authorities were inclined to regard as a hoax a postcard received by Collector Edwards, setting 2 o'clock to-day as the hour for the explosion, they took no chances.

Office workers going down the canyon of lower Broadway found scores of coast guards with rifles and sidearms entering the customs house. Scores of guards were stationed inside the building and at the doors. Everyone entering the structure was questioned.

More coast guard reserves were held at the large office, located in Battery park at the very tip of Manhattan island. These, it was said, would be brought across the park later in the day and strung around the custom house.

At Governor's island several companies of United States regulars were available in case of emergency.

Only one policeman was on duty in front of the custom house. He was assigned to see that no vehicles were parked in front of it.

One effect of the warning was to keep many clerks in lower Manhattan from their daily tasks. Frequent telephone calls reporting "illness" were received in the district. Workers who reported for the day appeared torn between two inclinations—the first to treat the whole matter as a joke, and the second to laugh nervously when any mention of the warning was made.

An epidemic of "sudden illness," and "visits from out of town relatives" was particularly noticeable at the custom house.

Collector Edwards, however, was early at work and asserted that 2 o'clock would find him at his desk. Although regarding the postcard warning as a joke he declared that everything the law allowed had been done to safeguard the lives of workers in the building.

The customs house was given a thorough housecleaning from basement to dome. Suspicious looking packages were opened and corridors were littered with the remains of this surgery. Persons carrying bundles were halted at the doors and obliged to receive a guard's permit before entering.

Shortly after noon all women employees and some men were sent home from the custom house.

SAW MEN HASTENING AWAY

From Vicinity Where Explosion Occurred Last Week.

New York, Sept. 21.—Federal and city authorities to-day were admitted as far as ever from a solution of the mystery surrounding the explosion that spread death and destruction in Wall street last Thursday.

To-day a clue was supplied by Samuel B. Wellington, president of the West Indies Trading Co., who said he remembered seeing three suspicious-looking men hastening from in front of the United States assay office a few minutes before the detonation knocked him unconscious. He was asked to repeat this story to-day to the police and to Chief William J. Flynn of the department of justice agents investigating the explosion, as well as to the grand jury.

Further investigation was made of the story of Joseph Meade of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, that he had seen the "death wagon" standing for more than an hour before the explosion in front of the assay office.

Edwin P. Fischer, lawyer and former employee of the French high commission, who sent postal card warnings of the explosion, has been put in a hospital for observation. His incoherent story has convinced the authorities he had nothing to do with the explosion.

NO CASUALTIES.

But Great Damage Was Done By Explosion in Talavera, Spain.

Madrid, Sept. 21.—A dynamite bomb exploded to-day in front of the Friends Club in Talavera, a suburb of this city, doing great damage, but inflicting no casualties. The police have found a number of dynamite cartridges and a detonator. One arrest was made.

AWAITING HURRICANE IN SOUTHERN STATES

Shipping Interests Were Holding Vessels in Port and Advising Caution on Part of Master at Sea.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 21.—Although weather observers here were without further definite information regarding the tropical disturbance expected to reach ports of the Texas and Louisiana coasts, to-day, all precautions were being taken in this section for the coming of the storm. Shipping interests were holding all vessels destined to Mexican or central American ports and advising caution on the part of masters now at sea. A heavy rain here and along the coast was attended by only slight winds this morning.

The usual exodus of late vacationists and summer residents started to-day from Mississippi sound resorts. Trains from the fishing and hunting camps have been crowded since first warning of the storm.

The barometer here at 8 o'clock a. m. was 29.88, practically the same as 12 hours before.

DESCHANEL'S LETTER READ.

Tells French Nation He Must Take Complete Rest.

Paris, Sept. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The resignation of Paul Deschanel as president of France was read in the senate and chamber of deputies to-day.

"My state of health," wrote M. Deschanel in his letter, "no longer permits me to assume the high functions with which your confidence invested me upon the occasion of the session of the national assembly on January 17 last."

The absolute obligation imposed upon me to take a complete rest makes it my duty to no longer delay announcing to you the decision I have been compelled to reach. It is infinitely painful, and it is with profound heart pangs that I renounce the noble post of president of the republic.

The duty of the president of the republic involves at all times grave responsibilities. It demands activity and energy, free from all weakness, during the years when victorious France is called upon to reconstruct her domestic resources, meanwhile assuring abroad integral application of the treaty of peace so gloriously, but so dearly, gained."

FESTIVITY IN ITALY

Over Naming of Rome As Capital of the Nation.

Rome, Sept. 21.—All Italy joined to-day in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of Rome as the capital of Italy. The exercises, for the most part, took the form of gala processions during the afternoon and evening.

In this city the most impressive scene was at Porta Pia, through which the Italian troops entered Rome after a short bombardment on September 20, 1870. There 100,000 people of every class gathered and sang patriotic songs, cheered the king and the army and waved flags, among which were many belonging to cities redeemed by the great war. The ceremonies were followed by a monster procession, which was headed by bands, and made brilliant by the national emblem and banners of associations and municipalities.

WIDELY KNOWN AMERICAN

George Nasmyth Died at Geneva, Switzerland, of Typhoid.

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 21.—George Nasmyth, widely known American sociologist and internationalist, died of typhoid fever here yesterday. His home was in Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. Nasmyth took a leading part in organizing the conference of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the churches held at The Hague last fall.

TAKES SON TO SCHOOL.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Calls Halt in Speaking Tour.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Franklin D. Roosevelt took a rest from campaign speech-making to-day to go to Boston, where his 12-year-old son, James, is entering preparatory school. Accompanied by his wife and son, he left here late last night. He will return to-morrow for a tour of the Mowhawk valley.

U. S. MARINES ON GUARD.

While the Nicaraguans are Holding Their Election.

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, Sept. 20.—United States marines are guarding the polls in Nicaragua during the presidential election, which is now going on, according to a dispatch received here.

SOVIET CIRCULARS.

Were Distributed in Mill District of Woonsocket.

Woonsocket, R. I., Sept. 21.—Soviet propaganda in the form of circulars were distributed early this morning throughout mill districts and in the foreign populated districts.

The circulars call for support of the Russian soviet and the destruction of capitalism and government. The police department is seeking the identity of the persons who scattered the circulars.

WRECKED TOWN, KILLED PEOPLE

Auxiliary Police Went on Rampage in Balbriggan, Ireland

IN RETALIATION FOR DEATH OF OFFICER

Largest Hosiery Factory in Ireland Was Destroyed

Dublin, Sept. 21.—Auxiliary police forces last night wrecked the town of Balbriggan, near here, in retaliation for the killing of District Inspector Burke and the wounding of his brother, Sgt. Burke.

Two civilians were shot dead and several persons were wounded. Many houses were set on fire and the largest hosiery factory in Ireland, belonging to an English firm, was destroyed.

To-day the town was in terror and streams of refugees in all sorts of vehicles were abandoning the place for neighboring villages.

Shortly after midnight uniformed men appeared in the streets, bent on reprisals for the shooting of the police officials. They immediately proceeded to wreck the town. The public houses were entered and set on fire, as well as numerous private homes, whose occupants were given little time to dress.

Many business houses, including the big hosiery mills of Deesides, Temple and company, were destroyed.

The town is a center of hosiery manufacture and power loom weaving. It is reported that the two civilians who were killed, a dairyman and a barber, were dragged from their houses, bayoneted and then shot. A number of houses belonging to prominent Sinn Feiners were burned to the ground.

The attack on the town was carried out by some 50 auxiliary police, known as "black and tans" from their uniforms. To-day the police were reported to be declaring they would return to-night to complete the destruction of the town.

INSPECTOR SHOT DEAD

And His Brother Was Seriously Wounded at Balbriggan.

Dublin, Sept. 21.—District Inspector Burke was shot dead last night at Balbriggan, near here, and his brother, Sgt. Burke, was seriously wounded.

OTHER VIOLENCE.

Reported from Various Parts of Ireland To-day.

Belfast, Sept. 21.—Following a display by Ulster volunteers to-day, armed and disguised men in uniform attacked several premises in Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim, and caused considerable damage with rifle fire and bombs.

Reports from Scariff, County Clare, state that reprisals have been taken on that village for wounding of two constables. Similar scenes occurred in Abbeyfeale, County Limerick, where the local temperance hall was burned, a pharmacy damaged and the windows of houses smashed in reprisal for the death of a constable Saturday.

MORE OLD BLUE UNIFORMS.

Dr. George T. Harding, Father of Nominee, Goes to G. A. R. Convention.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 21.—One of to-day's arrivals for the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was Dr. George T. Harding, father of Senator Harding, Republican candidate for president. He was accompanied by his son, Dr. George T. Harding, Jr., of Columbus, and a number of comrades from Marion, his home. He wore the blue uniform of the sixties and on his coat, besides the G. A. R. insignia, was a small button bearing the likeness of the Republican nominee. Dr. Harding served in the 90th Ohio infantry and the 136th Ohio volunteers.

At the business session Thursday, the G. A. R. will be asked to increase the per capita tax from three and one-half cents which it has been for 30 years, to 10 cents a year. Members of the national council of the administration say that the dwindling membership makes an increase necessary. The membership now is 103,200.

SEEK TO CUT RED TAPE.

In Restrictions Imposed on Sale of Alcohol and Narcotics.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 1.—Plans for eliminating red tape in handling alcohol and narcotics were considered at the annual convention of the National Association of Retail Druggists to-day.

Speakers emphasized the necessity for simplification of governmental regulations covering this phase of the drug trade.

In filling a prescription for whiskey, it was pointed out, a druggist is required to sign his name 42 times and alcohol can only be obtained 60 days after application is made. The regulations governing the sale of narcotics are too complicated and change so rapidly, it was asserted, that druggists never know when they are complying with the law.

REFUSES TO RECALL ACTION

Proclaiming Ratification of Federal Suffrage Amendment

SECRETARY COLBY DENIES REQUEST

Which Was Made By the Anti-Suffragists of Tennessee

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—Secretary Colby to-day refused to grant the request of anti-suffragists from Tennessee that he rescind his action in proclaiming ratification of the federal suffrage amendment.

After the legislature announced his decision to the delegation he was requested at least to publish all the documents regarding action by the Tennessee legislature as received by him from the governor and other state officials. These documents, it was said, showed that the legislature first ratified the amendment and that the lower House then rescinded its action.

SWEETHEART GOES TO JAIL WITH MOURER

As Does Man's Sister When He Was Arrested on Charge of Murder at Sault Ste. Marie.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sept. 21.—After six days of hiding in the Canadian woods, Douglas Mourer, wanted in connection with the shooting to death of George Elliott, farmer and brick manufacturer, is in jail here to-day with his sweetheart, Maggie Bock, and his sister, Pearl, who had gone into hiding with him.

Mourer is alleged to have shot Elliott as the latter was holding Maggie Bock in his arms after Elliott had found the girl dressed in men's clothing in his farmyard at night. Mourer then entered the woods with his sweetheart and his sister. He was arrested by Canadian mounted police yesterday, some 40 miles from the American border.

The girls are charged with being Mourer's accomplices.

EXCHANGE ALCOHOL FOR OPIUM.

That is What Americans are Doing, Says Sensational Placard.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—As the international congress against alcoholism was assembling to-day, women sympathizers with the provisional Irish republic picketed the Pan-American union building, bearing placards declaring that Great Britain was engaged in the opium traffic and that Americans were "exchanging the evil of alcohol for the greater evil of opium."

PROHIBITION CONVENTION

Was Called to Order at Montpelier City Hall This Afternoon.

The state convention of the Prohibition party assembled at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon in the memorial room in Montpelier city hall with about a dozen delegates attending. The meeting was called to order by Dr. L. W. Hanson of Montpelier. Prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph Lund of Montpelier, and the call was read by Secretary John Leach of Montpelier, after which the routine business of the session occurred.

GETS WAR DECORATION.

Former Miss Daisy Polk of San Francisco, Now a Countess.

Paris, Sept. 21.—Madame De Buyer-Mimeure, formerly Miss Daisy Polk of San Francisco, has been made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor, in recognition of her services to France during the war, it was announced to-day.

Three years ago, while engaged in war work in France, Miss Polk married General Marie Joseph Louis Robert De Buyer-Mimeure, a cavalry officer.

By her marriage she captured the right to the title of countess, as her husband bears the title of Count De Buyer-Mimeure.

FIVE COUNTRIES INCLUDED

In the "Credit Requirement" of United States Government.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—Five foreign countries come within the "credit requirement" of section 222 of the revenue act of 1918, which will permit their nationals to be credited with the amount of income tax paid to their own governments in the computation of American income tax, the treasury department has just announced. These countries are Bulgaria, Canada, Italy, Newfoundland and Salvador. The "requirement" is simply that such countries shall credit American residents there with the amount of income taxes they have paid to the United States government.

Similar credit requirements of the United States, however, are not satisfied by Argentina, Bahama, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Bosnia, Brazil, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Great Britain and Ireland, Guatemala, Herzegovina, India, Jamaica, Japan, Montenegro, Morocco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Persia, Peru, Portugal, Rumania, Santo Domingo, Serbia, Siam, Sweden, Switzerland and Venezuela. Citizens of these countries, the United States are required to pay the full amount of their taxes here.

A citizen of a country not listed by the bureau is compelled by the regulations to prove that his country satisfies the similar credit requirements in order to escape payment.

SAYS GOMPERS WILL FAIL TO DELIVER VOTES

Mine Workers' Official Declares Labor Men Will Vote for Whichever Candidate They Wish.

Marion, O., Sept. 21.—W. J. James of Illinois, national representative of the United Mine Workers, to-day discussed labor and political conditions with Sen. Harding. Later Mr. James issued this statement:

"Being a Republican I am for the Republican party and the Harding-Coolidge ticket. I find miners who are Republicans are going to support Harding and those who are Democrats will support Cox. President Gompers' effort to deliver the labor vote to the Democratic ticket will fail just as it always has failed. Percy Tethow, statistician of the United States Mine Workers of America, is out for Harding and will shortly be on the stump for him."

"John Moore, recently president of the United Mine Workers of Ohio, is likewise vigorously supporting the Republican ticket."

"The Democratic effort to control the labor vote, and particularly the miners, has resulted in a failure because the working men have studied the records of the two candidates and the two parties, and the Republican candidates and program have made such an appeal that the Democratic propaganda has failed completely."

COX FINDS FAULT WITH NEWSPAPERS

Declares That Some of Them Are Suppressing News of His Campaign.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 21.—Gov. Cox to-day planned to conclude his southern California campaign and depart for Arizona.

Five speeches remained on his program in southern California. One was at Long Beach, three at Los Angeles and one at San Bernardino.

Last night at his first speech in Los Angeles he charged that some "reactionary" newspapers were suppressing news of his campaign.

"They used to be preaching the league of nations," he said, "but are not saying anything about it now; they are saying Cox is wet."

BARRE GIRL KEPT ACCOUNT BOOK

Testified Miss Lucy Meli in the Investigation of Ponzi Affairs at Boston.

Boston, Sept. 21.—Disappearance of additional records of Charles Ponzi's Securities Exchange Co. was discovered to-day during the continued testimony of Miss Lucy Meli, his manager, at a hearing in the bankruptcy court to determine whether he had any partners. A book containing agent's accounts, a list of investors and a record of commissions paid to agents were missing she said.

The young woman was asked to explain certain erasures from the payroll at the Ponzi office, and said they were to remove the names of employees who had been discharged. Referee James M. Olmstead, who is conducting the hearing, said he could see the name "Dandero" under an attempted erasure, but Miss Meli said the name was that of John S. Dandero, whom officers claim to be a partner of Ponzi, but that of John A. Dandero, another man.

Miss Meli testified that she spent several hours a day at the Ponzi office, interviewing customers and explaining the get-rich-quick scheme. She never heard Ponzi speak of him as a partner, she said.

Miss Meli testified that the missing agent's account book was kept by Miss Marie Leanne of Barre, Vt. She had not seen it, she said, since July.

STATE PAYS TUITION

For Twenty Former Normal School Students at State University.

The state board of education has arranged with the University of Vermont to accept those students who were in training at the Johnson or Castleton Normal schools for the coming year to finish the second year's work. Rev. A. W. Hewitt completed arrangements yesterday and notices are being sent to the students to-day. There are about 20 of them. The state will pay their tuition and the pupils will pay the rest of their expenses the same as when attending the normal schools.

LOBSTER SLOOP WRECKED.

And 300 Pounds of the Crustaceans Crawled Back to Their Haunts.

Westerly, R. I., Sept. 21.—The sloop Hattie Lawry, bound from Block Island for New London, with 3300 pounds of lobsters, was wrecked early to-day on Watch Hill reef. Captain Arthur Greenleaf and the one member of the crew made their way in a skiff to the Watch Hill coast guard station, while the lobsters crawled out through holes in the vessel's bottom. The sloop, a vessel of 12 tons, was owned by Greenleaf and Astory of New London.

CHILE MAY BE MORE DRY.

Agitation Starts in Favor of More Rigorous Enforcement.

Santiago, Sept. 21.—Agitation in favor of rigorous enforcement of regulations governing the sale of intoxicants has been growing recently in Chile.

A campaign has been started to make the Araucanian Indian reserve of Chiloé "dry" following a petition to the government from residents in the district alleging violations of the existing laws which prohibit the sale of alcoholic drinks on Sundays and feast days and by persons without license.

The petitioners declare peddlers visit the Indians on holidays and during their traditional fiestas, trade liquor for blankets, food, and cereals with the result that the festive "depression" of the village is broken and much disorder is created.

ELOPERS WERE ALLOWED TO GO

When Girl's Father Didn't Press Charge of Larceny of Automobile

NO RECONCILIATION WAS ANNOUNCED

Ariel Mitchelson Failed to Prevent Elopement of His Daughter

Salem, Mass., Sept. 21.—Ariel Mitchelson, a wealthy tobacco grower of Tauntonville, Conn., who unsuccessfully attempted to prevent the elopement of his daughter with Edward D. Milles of this city, charged the couple with larceny of the automobile, which they used in their flight, did not appear to press the charge to-day, and the young people were discharged by the local court. Counsel said the father had left for his home. There was no word of a reconciliation between the tobacco king and his daughter, the young couple refusing to discuss the subject.

WARNED AGAINST LAWYERS.

Judge Wilson Tells Jurymen to Be Careful of Their Association.

The trial of the case of William Lathrop of Middlesex vs. the Mad River Lumber Co. commenced in Washington county court at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, following the drawing of an additional lot of jurymen. Only 21 of the 45 called appeared, and some of these were excused for sufficient reason.

Judge Wilson, in giving the new jurymen instructions, spoke about the oath they had just taken. He read portions of the oath and then in detail explained its meaning, which was something new to the attorneys in this county. He cautioned the men particularly about their association with attorneys, who may have the trial of cases on their hands in this session of court.

The Lathrop case is an action based upon an alleged breach of contract, in which the plaintiff wants to recover \$5,000. The plaintiff took the stand Monday afternoon and was again on the stand this morning.

The jury is composed of E. H. Elliott, Warren, P. E. Wheeler, Woodbury, L. H. Ford, Warren, G. F. Wadner, Roxbury, C. W. Crockett, Waterbury, W. J. Webster, Roxbury; Charles Stackpole, Montpelier; A. E. Butler, Duxbury; G. H. Bruce, Moretown; Fay Dow, Montpelier; D. B. E. Kent, Montpelier; D. J. Persons, Calais. At 10:30 o'clock a recess was taken until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, while the canvassing of the votes at the secretary of state's office took place at which Judge Wilson was present.

The following is the additional list of jurymen who were supposed to appear Monday: Mark W. Avery, Duxbury; D. A. Perry, Barre; George Kew, Watfield; Herbert E. Lane, Plainfield; Walter C. Lamphier, Montpelier; John R. Lynch, Northfield; George B. Lyon, Northfield; Riley Moulton, Fayston; E. F. Mower, Barre; J. C. Perkins, Duxbury; D. A. Phillips, Northfield; Charles H. Stackpole, East Montpelier; William Stephens, Barre City; Frank P. Tewksbury, Worcester; James H. Town, Barre; George F. Wadner, Roxbury; W. J. Webster, Roxbury; H. A. Wells, Marshfield; L. E. Ford, Woodbury; Forrest Willey, Barre Town; C. A. Wing, Calais.

ABOUT \$500 STOLEN.

Burlington Couple Lost Clothing—A Suspect Arrested.

Burlington, Sept. 21.—John Latulippe was arrested yesterday morning by the police on a charge of grand larceny. Latulippe is accused of stealing about \$500 worth of clothing from Prof. and Mrs. Earle T. Tracey. He admitted his guilt to the police after his arrest.

Prof. and Mrs. Tracey left this city early in July for the summer vacation and stored their wearing apparel in the basement of the Walker building, where they had rooms. Latulippe was employed there as janitor and, according to the statement made by him to the police, he pried the covers off the chest and extracted whatever he found in the way of clothing. Some of the goods he sold to a second-hand dealer and more of them he took home to his family. An overcoat answering the description of one which was lost by Mr. Tracey was found by the police in a second-hand store and from there it was traced to Latulippe. A search was made of Latulippe's house and more goods, belonging to the Traceys, were found. In all about one-half of the missing articles have been located. Latulippe was arrested while at his work.

CONGRESS AGAINST ALCOHOLISM

Began Its 15th Session in Washington, D. C., To-day.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—Delegates from various parts of the world were in attendance to-day at the opening sessions of the 15th International congress against Alcoholism. Speakers from 15 foreign countries, in addition to a number from the United States, were on the program, which calls for day and night conferences through Sunday.

The effect of alcohol on the brain, nervous system, and health generally, and its relation to crime and heredity were discussed.

A program will be staged to-night on the exact steps of the capital, illustrating the progress of the prohibition movement in the United States.

AIRPLANE CARRIED MAIL TO MT. MANSFIELD

Capt. Stickney Had Hard Time Flying Above Summit, Encountering North Wind and Heavy Mist.

Stowe, Sept. 21.—Capt. Henry Elmer Stickney of Bellows Falls landed with his airplane at the aviation field, about three-fourths of a mile south of this village, Sunday afternoon and, taking C. L. McMahon of the Mt. Mansfield Hotel Co., left the field at 2 o'clock for Mt. Mansfield. Mr. McMahon taking a telegram and letter for Max L. Powell at the Summit house.

A strong north wind was encountered at about 4,000 feet, which, with a heavy mist, made the conditions unfavorable for the trip and it was only after the third attempt that the plane reached the summit of the mountain. At one time the drop of 1,000 feet was made in a minute and a half. Only an expert pilot and a first-class plane could have reached the summit. The letter and telegram for Mr. Powell were dropped, this being the first time mail has been carried by an airplane to the top of any mountain in Vermont.

Not expecting such high winds and cold weather, the men were not properly clothed to meet it, but notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions, the trip and the thousand-foot drop were thoroughly enjoyed.

After circling about the mountain for 30 minutes, the return was made to the aviation field, where a large crowd was anxiously awaiting the news of the first mail trip to Mt. Mansfield.

The afternoon was spent in carrying passengers, among them one lady, Miss Marion Pike of Stowe. Elmer found the captain with a list of waiting passengers and the plane remained here Monday to accommodate them.

The aviation field of 65 acres was much commended by the captain. Mr. McMahon predicts that within two years a field will be laid out between the nose and tail of Mt. Mansfield and planes will be landing there.

Capt. Stickney served in the French army as a member of the Lafayette escadrille for 13 months and changed to the American army after its arrival in France. During service at the front, Capt. Stickney brought down four official medals and several other honors, not officially confirmed. The captain and plane went to Barre Monday afternoon and will return to Bellows Falls.

VERMONT HARDWARE MEN

Held Conference in Barre Last Night—May Form Association.

With national and New England officials of the American Hardware association present, the first group meeting of the retail hardware dealers of Vermont was held in the assembly room of the Granite Manufacturers' association yesterday.

From two o'clock in the afternoon until five, and in the evening from 7 o'clock until midnight, the 26 Vermont dealers discussed the hardware business in general, touching upon all points that will affect the business during the ensuing year. Such factors as transportation, housing, store service, salesmanship and community service, and anything that tends to make better merchants and stores, received the attention of the officials and Vermont dealers.

These group meetings being conducted through Massachusetts Hardware and Vermont are under the auspices of the National association and are being attended by the national president, Mathias Ludlow, and wife of Newark, N. J., national field service manager, Samuel R. Miles of Argus, Indiana. Governor or Director George M. Gray of Coshocton, Ohio, New England President Hiram W. Colton and wife of Cambridge, Mass., Vice-President W. W.